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: NEURONAL CHANNEL ACID  
: RESPONSIVE, ITS CLONING  
: AND APPLICATIONS

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**Amendment and Response to Requirement for Restriction**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

In The Claims

*N.E.* In claim 18, line 1, delete "20" and replace it with --17--.

Remarks

In claim 18, an error has been corrected. The "substance" is the substance which is to be screened and is capable of modulating the activity of cation transport channels comprises of hASIC3.